

vided it was entitled to assessment by its use.

It would perhaps be a favor to the farmer to discourage him from removing this endeavor from the State of Maryland because it has not been profitable for a number of years, but it is also anticipated within ten years there will be a food shortage in this country as well as in a majority of the world. I would like to elaborate just briefly on the present farm assessment. The difficulty arose when the interpretation was put on agricultural use and then ten acres in Rockville, pastured by one cow, was entitled to farm assessment.

In my opinion, if we adopt language which will read "which classes shall include land and property owned and operated as farm as defined by the General Assembly by law," we can still expect criteria that will grant assessment to farms as was the original intention of the farm assessment provision.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Powers.

DELEGATE POWERS: Mr. Chairman, I move the previous question.

THE PRESIDENT: Is there a second?

*(The motion was duly seconded.)*

THE PRESIDENT: The previous question has been moved. All in favor signify by saying Aye; contrary, No.

THE PRESIDENT: The Ayes have it. It is so ordered.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment 1-B.

For what purpose does Delegate Bamberger rise?

DELEGATE BAMBERGER: Parliamentary inquiry. Will the Chair restate the amendment please?

THE PRESIDENT: The amendment is to strike from Amendment No. 1 the words "by bona fide farmers" appearing in lines 4 and 5.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment 1-B. A vote Aye is a vote in favor of the amendment. This simply amends Amendment No. 1. A vote No is a vote against.

Cast your votes.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate voted? Does any delegate desire to change his vote?

*(There was no response.)*

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 76 votes in the affirmative and 35 in the negative, the motion is carried and the amendment is adopted.

The question now arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as amended. The Clerk will ring the quorum bell.

For what purpose does Delegate MacDonald rise?

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Inquiry.

THE PRESIDENT: State the inquiry.

DELEGATE MACDONALD: Mr. President, could you please read to us now the amendment as it stands starting on line 12 "which classes."

THE PRESIDENT: Very well.

The question arises on the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as amended. The effect of the amendment as amended would be to substitute the following language in lines 12, 13 and 14 in lieu of everything in those lines "which classes shall include property owned and operated as farms as defined by General Assembly law." Amendment No. 1 as amended is an amendment to Committee Recommendations SF-2, SF-3, SF-4 and SF-5 as amended by Report S&E-10.

A vote Aye is a vote in favor of Amendment No. 1. A vote No is a vote against. Cast your vote.

*(Whereupon, a roll call vote was taken.)*

THE PRESIDENT: Has every delegate voted? Delegate James Clark.

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Aye.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Clark votes Aye.

The Clerk will record the vote.

There being 62 votes in the affirmative and 49 in the negative, the motion is carried and the Amendment No. 1 as amended by Amendment 1-B is adopted.

THE PRESIDENT: For what purpose does Delegate Churchill Murray rise?

DELEGATE E. C. MURRAY: To ask the Chair if it would be in order to ask the maker of the amendment which has just been adopted whether he would substitute the word "all" in place of "and".

THE PRESIDENT: He would have no authority to do that. The amendment has been acted upon by the Convention.